

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 stand rejected. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended is requested for the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to a method for selectively optimizing a plurality of image characteristics for captured images, including:

- a) modifying two or more one-dimensional image characteristic controls using a single loop position controller having one-dimensional control, wherein the single loop position controller traverses useful ranges of each of the two or more one-dimensional image characteristic controls;
- b) providing a video loop of captured images to a user by cycling through several combinations of the two or more one-dimensional image characteristic controls; and
- c) selecting a desired image rendered according to the two or more one-dimensional image characteristic controls.

### **The 102 Rejections**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Adobe Photoshop 6.

Adobe Photoshop 6 shows several one-dimensional controllers that are individually operated. The claimed invention has the feature of a single loop controller operating on multiple one-dimensional controls at the same time, and a video loop that displays the dynamic changing of the multiple one-dimensional controls. The single loop controller allows a user to avoid manipulating multiple sliders and guessing the interaction of the multiple image controls, because the user chooses a preferred image on the video loop that the user finds desirable. In the cited reference of Adobe Photoshop 6, there is no written description of a single loop controller operating on multiple one-dimensional image characteristic controls, nor is there any explicit description of a video loop that is displaying several

combinations of the two or more one-dimensional image characteristic controls. Independent claims 1 and 10 are novel, because at least one of Applicants' features is missing in the cited art. The dependent claims 3, 4, and 9 are novel for at least the same reasons as the independent claim from which they depend.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

### **The 103 Rejections**

Claims 2, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adobe Photoshop 6 in view of Ono et al. (US 6,295,136).

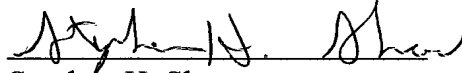
Claims 5, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adobe Photoshop 6 in view of Ono et al (US 6,295,136). The cited art of Adobe Photoshop 6 only contains figures with little written description of its operation. Specifically, there is no explicit teaching in Adobe Photoshop 6 using the image characteristic controls in the manner as described by the Examiner in his Office Action.

The remaining claims are dependent from claim 5 and are considered to be patentable for at least the same reasons.

Applicants have reviewed the cited art made of record and believe that singly or in any suitable combination, they do not render Applicants' claimed invention unpatentable. It is believed that the claims in the application are allowable over the cited art and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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